GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:613
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INCLUSION OF CASTES
SANAT KUMAR MANDAL

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Castes/sub castes/groups included from West Bengal in the Central tribal list;

(b) whether the Union Government have received any proposal from the Government ofWest Bengal for inclusion of more castes/sub castes/groups/sub groups recently;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) 40 Castes/groups are included in the list of Scheduled Tribes in West Bengal.

(b) & (c) Ministry has received several proposals for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes in West Bengal.

(d) These proposals have been processed as per the modalities approved by the Government of India.